SPANISH CLAIM TO BE VICTORIOUS

But the Insurgents Are Pressing On to the City.

ARE THEY THE PURSUERS?

HAVANA, January 2.-An engagement between the Spanish troops and insurgents has taken place at El Estante, south of Alfonso XII, and not far from the frontier of the province of Havana. The official announcement says that the troops captured the insurgent position, but that the loss to the enemy is not known. It is admitted that two Spanish officers and four soldiers were killed and nineteen wounded.

The insurgents, following their usual tactics, did not accept a decisive engagement, but after the skirmish proceeded westward, devastating the country as they marched onward.

The authorities here, in announcing this skirmish, added the significant statement that the "troops moved closer to the province of Havana," which would seem to indicate that the Spanish forces are

Later in the day it was announced here that further fighting between the Spaniards and the Cubars was taking place in the vicinity of El Estante, which, with the announced movement of the Spanish troops "closer to the frontier of Havana," leads peeple here to believe that the insurgents have been in pursuit of the Spanish troops in that vicinity.

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The latter are commanded by Col. Galvis, who was also in command of the troops first engaged in the vicinity of El Estante, which seems to be a confirmation of the supposition that the Spaniards were worst-ed and that the Cubans are making for the frontier of the province of Havana, in spite of all the statements to the contrary.

All Horses to Be Seized.

In view of the fine work and rapid progress of the insurgents' cavalry, Gen. Campos has ordered the Spanish officials in all the disturbed districts to seize all the horses they can lay hands on, in order to prevent them from falling into the hands of the enemy. But it is believed that the Cubans are already as well mounted and supplied with horses as they need be, and there are people who claim that this order might have been issued with better advantage some months sooner.

Damge by Cubans.

The damage being done by the Cubans is terrible. They have burned the best part of the town of Jaguey, and the cane fields of Perla, Rosario and Australa in that district and in the Navarrette district the plantations of Vinas, Mendez, Garay, Escalant and Haza have been destroyed by the torches of the Spanish enemies.

In addition the Cuban forces have burned many houses in the Cardenas district of the province of Matanzas, and have set fire to and destroyed many cane fields in the Union De Reyes, Bueno Vista, Jaguey Grande and Macuerites districts. In addition the village of La Yagua, whose inhabitants did not receive the insurgents as well as the latter would have liked, has been blotted out by fire. Be-tween La Yagua and Cumanayaguay alone five railroad bridges and three culverts have recently been destroyed by the in-

Cutting Off Spanish Supplies.

But the insurgents are not paying attention to the plantations exclusively. The houses of the wealthier classes and the districts generally are being sacked unless ransomed by the payment of money in proportion to the value of the property. The friends of the insurgents here claim that this is perfectly fair, as the planters are the chief supporters of the Spanish gov-ernment system here, and that in lessening the revenue-contributing power of the planters they are only cutting off the sources of

The government officials, however, insist that the insurgents are robbing the poorest inhabitants of anything they can lay hands on, even stooping to take their watches and any little money they find in their pockets. le communication with Trinidad Tunes De Zaza, Jucaro, Santa Cruz and Manzan-illio, all towns on the southern coast of the island, was inaugurated today.

It was announced this afternoon that
Felipe Rodriguez, the insurgent leader, had

been killed in an engagement with the Span-The case against Gen. Sanguilly, in which

he is charged with kidnaping Fernandez Castro, before the commencement of the revolution, has been taken to the supreme

SALOONS IN KANSAS.

Brewers Will Arrange for a Resubmission Campaign.

CHICAGO, January 2.-A special from Topeka, Kan., says it is political gossip in Kansas that the National Brewers' Association, which will meet in Chicago January 17, will arrange for a resubmission campaign in Kansas. The recent interview of Gov. Morrill, in which he declared that prohibition is a failure, and announced himself in favor of the Gothenberg system, and the announcement made by ex-Chief Justice Horton, after the late election, that he believed prohibition has had its day in Kansas, are taken by the brewers as an indication that the time is ripe for them to make a fight to re-establish the Kansas. It is understood that plans have already been made for the brewers to put money into the coming state campaign in the interest of resubmission.

COLD IN THE NORTHWEST.

From 18 to 22 Degrees Below Zero in

Manitoba. ST. PAUL, Minn., January 2.-The temperature has been dropping rapidly in the region east of the Rockies, as far as Altkin, Minn., during the past twenty-four hours, and it is now excessively cold all over Montana, North Dakota, the northwest territories and Manitoba. The crest of the wave at present is at Qu'Appelle, where the thermometer registers twentyfive degrees below zero.

At most Manitoba points it is from eighteen to twenty-two below. It is four below at Helena, eight below at Glendive, fourteen below at Williston and eight below at

In Minnesota, the zero point has been passed at all points as far south as Granite Falls. The wave will strike St. Paul and western Wisconsin points today. Very little snow and but light winds are reported.

TOURNAMENT OF ROSES.

Bright June-Like Weather for Pasa-

dena's Annual Recreation. PASADENA, Cal., January 2.-Bright, warm weather like a June day in the east brought out thousands of people in Pasadena to witness the seventh annual tournament of roses. Five hundred people participated in the parade. A large number of six-in-hand coaches, four-in-hands, double and single teams, literally covered with roses, marguerites, water lilles, carnations and smilax were in line. A single coach ed 4,000 carnations in decoration. The parade of bicycles decorated with flowers was a feature of the procession. The coaches and carriages scattered roses along the line of march and threw flowers to the spectators. The tournament was viewed by 15,000 people.

Five Hundred Claims "Jumped." CRIPPLE CREEK, Col., January 2.-It is reported that 500 claims in the district in which owners have failed to make full assessment work in 1895 have been jumped Armed men are holding claims in all the outlying portions of the district that have

TO STRIKE OR NOT TO STRIKE.

Question Being Canvassed Among Philadelphia Street Ratiway Men. PHILADELPHIA, January 2.- A renewal of the strike which paralyzed street railway traffic in this city for the week preceding Christmas seemed imminent until 8 o'clock this morning, and it is possible

that the men may yet go out. At the hour mentioned a meeting of the employes and their leaders voted to poll the onductors and motormen of the various branches today to determine the sentimen of the men on a new proposition submitted by General Manager Beetem of the ted by General Manager Beetem of the Union Traction Company last night, in which he agreed to give the old men preference over the new men brought from other cities to take the places of strikers. He also agreed to reconsider the cases of men discharged previously to the strike because of their membership in the Amalgamated Association of Street Railway Employes.

The men, since their return to work, have insisted strongly on their demand for \$2 pay for a day of ten hours. Mr. Beetem at first peremptorily declined to consider this demand, but it is understood that he has since stated that the board of direc-tors is considering the question of a reduction of hours. At present the men work twelve to thirteen hours, and some of them make less than \$2 a day.

Today committees are busy on each di-

vision canvassing among the men and the result of this vote will be announced at a meeting called for 4 o'clock this afternoon, when they will definitely decide whether another strike shall be inaugurated to en-

force their demar is.

A majority of the men are very aggressive, but a strong minority oppose another strike, and in the event of a crisis it is be-lieved many will refuse to desert their

It was stated this afternoon that should the street car men decide to strike President Mahon of the Amalgamated Association and other labor leaders will withdraw their services and take no further part in the dispute in this city. Since the recent settlement of the strike, Mr. Mahon has been unalterably opposed to reopening of

MAYOR PINGREE'S FIGHT.

Trying to Force Transfers on Eight-

DETROIT, Mich., January 2.-Mayor Pingree today showed his hand in a new plan to require the Citizens' Street Railway Company to grant universal transfers upon eight-for-a-quarter tickets. The mayor had petitioned the circuit court a week ago to compel the company to resume sale of the six-for-a-quarter tickets, with transfer privileges, which the company voluntarily sold last summer, but which were discontinued because the city government had refused to grant extensions of franchises and other favors to the company.

Today this petition was amended so as to require the Citizens' company to furnish transfers with the eight-for-a-quarter tick-ets, which latter are being sold by the company temporarily as a test of a new ordinance. The mayor hopes through the courts to force the company into granting what would be uncertain of accomplish-ment by means of an ordinance to the same effect.

OPPOSED TO WAR.

Arbitration Favored by the New York Chamber of Commerce.

NEW YORK, January 2.-At the meeting of the chamber of commerce today the committee on foreign commerce and the revenue laws, consisting of Francis B. Thurber, Gustav H. Schwab, Stephen W. Carey, William H. Robertson, reported the cllowing resolution:

fellowing resolution:

"Resolved. That the chamber of commerce of the state of New York, being profoundly impressed with the gravity of the situation which threatens the peace, now and happily so long existing between Great Br.tain and the United States, appeals to the common sense and the common interests of the people of both countries to avert the calamity of war by a resort to arbitration or other friendly negotiations. arbitration or other friendly negotiations, which have so often been found to be a sufficient and satisfactory mode of settling international disputes, and to which both governments stand committed by profession, precedent and the humanitarian spirit

Accompanying the resolution was an address in the same tenor as the resolution, and which cited many of the instances in which controversies between the United States and foreign nations had been settled by arbitration.

tied by arbitration.

Carl Schurz spoke in favor of the resolution and submitted a proposition for the appointment of a board of inquiry or advisory council to be composed of men of international renown, which was accepted as an addition to the original resolution.

Charles Stewart Smith read from the reports of Secretary of War Lemonts and ports of Secretary of War Lamont and Gen. Miles to show that we are not in a position to resist the operation of a great nation like Great Britain.

After several others had spoken the resolution and accompanying address were adopted with but six dissenting votes.

FOR KILLING HIS SWEETHEART. Albert Woodley Hanged at Pitts-

burg. PITTSBURG, Pa., January 2.-Albert Woodley, the murderer of his intended wife, Jennie Buchanan, was hanged in the yard of the county jail at 10:48 this morning. Death was due to strangulation.

On May 7, 1894, Woodley, who had been drinking for several days, called at the home of his sweetheart. After smoking a cigar with her father, he went into the kitchen, where the young woman was pre-paring a meal. Three minutes later shots were heard, and when the father reached the kitchen he found the couple lying on the floor unconscious with bullet wounds in the heads. The young woman died in a few minutes, but Woodley recovered. He admitted the killing, and said he was jealous. mitted the killing, and said he was jealous. His trial followed in July and he was convicted of murder in the first degree. Five times he was respited, but finally today expiated his crime on the scaffold.

WILL PUSH REFORM MEASURES. Senator Bruce Doesn't Want Zeal to Grow Cold.

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star. BALTIMORE, Md., January 2.-Senator William Cabell Bruce, the new president of

the Maryland senate, in a conversation with The Star correspondent on the legislation to be introduced during the present session of the general assembly, said: "I shall endeavor to push all reform legislation through the senate as rapidly as possible, for my experience has taught me that the zeal for reform, so manifest at the opening of the session, grows cold long beshall insist that the senate act quickly and decisively on all reform measures, in order that they may be sent over to the house es soon as possible. Then if any delay oc-curs, the responsibility will rest with the delegates and not with the senators." Ex-Gov. Jackson is displaying an inclina tion to identify himself with the reform movement, and declares that the democrats must co-operate with their republican allies to further all commendable reform

measures. Now that the speakership question has been decided the United States senatorship fight is attracting the bulk of popular attention. The eastern shore men other opponents of Congressman Welling-ten are deligated at the election of Sydney ten are delighted at the election of Sydney E. Mudd as Speaker, for in his success they believe they see the overthrow of Wellington's chances of succeeding Senator Gibson. The eastern shore men are particularly jubilant over the result of the election of Mr. Mudd, as they regard it as meaning that the present eastern shore

law will be sustained. Mr. Wellington's friends laugh at the enthusiasm of those opposed to him, and state that the result of the speakership fight will have absolutely no effect on th struggle for the senatorship. They say that a number of his adherents voted for Mudd, and that the latter has no desire to cast his influence against the Allegany man.

Col. Mulliken, Mr. Charles T. Westcott and Mr. Phillips L. Goldsborough, three prominent eastern shore senatorial aspirants, are in town and are airing their several rooms for the benefit of the local poli-

ticians.

Mr. Wellington can count on more votes than any one of his rivals, but it is doubtful if he has enough votes to nominate him. The western Maryland members are all for him, and so are many of those from this city.

WELLS OF THE CITY

Many Protests Made Against Closing Them.

COMMISSIONERS DELUGED WITH LETTERS

Charges Against Potomac Water Complicate the Situation.

OTHER DISTRICT AFFAIRS

"Don't close the wells!" The cry goes up all over the city, and the Commis sioners are being deluged with letters. urging them to do something to improve the quality of the drinking water. The Potomac may or may not be contaminated, but just now it is muddy, and people are not apt to have a high opinion of muddy water. But what is to be done? That is what the citizens are asking the authorities, and they are mute. The resistance to the action of the authorities looking to the closing of the wells is the stronger because of the charges made in recent official reports against the Potomac water. These reports have also greatly increased the embarrass ments of the Commissioners in the matter. The report of Dr. Kober, the typhoid fever expert, recommended the closing of every well in the city. He also thought the Potemac was probably contaminated, and advised the boiling of milk before using advised the boiling of milk before using. Some wag recently wrote to the Commissioners, asking if Dr. Kober was the representative of some brewery, and wanted to scare the people into drinking beer. A woman who signed herself "Cleanliness," after calling attention to the Potomac water at present, added that she took a bath the other day and came out of the tub "full of mud"

It is believed at the District building the water question can be successfully solved f Congress will only appropriate sufficient money. The Commissioners are heartily in favor of improving the conditions, and with an appropriation at their disposal believe they can satisfy the water drinkers in a short time. The recent experiments of Major Powell in digging deep wells have, in the estimation of the Commis-sioners, proved so successful and brought such good results in the shape of purer such good results in the shape of purer water, that the Commissioners are urging an appropriation to sink a number of these wells in different parts of the city. With such wells and iron pipes leading from the water to the pump the advocates of this plan claim there is little fear of contamination, and the potable quality of the water is superior to that of river water.

Every year the engineer department takes up the old faulty sewers, through which, it is claimed, millions of germs escaped and found their way to the wells. This, it is believed, will result in a constant improve-ment in the health of the city. A striking illustration occurred several days ago. In projecting for a new sewer, it was neces sary to make an excavation, and follow the line of a sewer laid during the days of the old board of public works. The old sewer ran straight for a short distance, and then described a graceful curve around the stump of an old tree, which the contractor had not seen fit to remove. At the point where the curve commenced, the inferior cement had broken-away, and through the small opening there drained the filth which should have been carried to the river. The ground thereabouts was mushy and emitted a foul odor. Not twenty-five yards away there was a well that supplied the neighborhood with drinking water. A chemical analysis was made at once of the water, and it was found good for all ordinary purposes. Then it was suggested that a bacteriological examination be made, and one was accordingly ordered. Three separ ate examinations were made. The second one examined disclosed the presence of the colon bacillus in large numbers, and the well was ordered closed, although the citid in to r

The completion of the sewer system pro jected by the sewer commission is looked to to cure much of the evil in the way of contaminated wells and other unpleasant and insanitary conditions. Meanwhile, and insanitary conditions. however, there is great clamor against closing the wells as long as the Potomac water is held in official reports as not being above suspicion.

Granted a License. The excise board today granted a retail liquor license to Wm. W. Nellgan, 1309 11th

street southeast. Ownership of Telegraph Poles. The Commissioners today accepted, with out cost, the ownership of the poles of the Postal Telegraph Cable Company, located

Seven poles on G street, from 1st to 3d one on the southeast corner of 4th and I streets southeast, one on the north east corner of 7th and I streets southeast one on I street between 10th and 11th south east, twenty-nine on 13th, from I to A, four near the corner of 15th street and Maryland avenue northeast.

Retrial of Foreman Walsh.

Upon the oral statement of Surgeon W. D. Cannon of the police and fire departments that part of the report of his testimony in the matter of the trial of Foreman John A. Walsh of No. 9 engine company of the fire department of the District conveys a meaning different from that he intended to express, the Commissioners today ordered. That the order of December 26, 1895, directing the dismissal of said Walsh from the said fire department is hereby reconsidered, and the chief of the fire department is directed to cause a retrial of said Walsh by board consisting of other officers than those who constituted the former trial board, upon charges of intoxication and disobedience of orders. The chief of fire de-partment will notify the attorney for the District of Columbia of the time and place of such retrial. The attorney for the District will cause the District to be represonted at such trial by himself or one of the assistant attorneys for the District.

Real Estate Legislation. The Commissioners have recommended adverse action upon Senate bill 426, relating to acknowledgments of instrments affecting real estate within the District of Columbia. The action of the Commissioners was based upon the following opinion of Attorney Thomas, to whom the bill was re-ferred for consideration and recommenda-

"I am unable to favorably recommend this bill. It is open to several very serious objections. For instance, take the language of lines 9 and 10, 'Begin in all cases by caption specifying the District of Columb as the place where the acknowledgment is taken.' It is manifest that this could no be done in all cases, since a great many in-struments affecting real estate in the District of Columbia are acknowledgments out

side of the District.
"The bill provides in lines from 19 to 27 for the acknowledgment of deeds by an at-torney. It is an open question in this District whether conveyances can be made by attorney so as to pass the legal estate. As to acknowledgments by corporations or joint stock companies, the bill proposes an affidavit by some officer or agent of the cor poration that the seal affixed to the nent is the corporate seal, and that the instrument was signed on behalf of the poration, by the authority of its board of directors, etc. Affidavits of the execution of corporation deeds and the genuineness of corporate seals have never been required here. The signature of the president, attested by the secretary with the seal of the corporation, is all that is necessary Without pointing to other objectionable features of the bill, I am of opinion the propos ed legislation is wholly unnecessary, and that the enactment of the bill would un-

doubtedly lead to confusion. Hearing a Liquor Case.

The excise board met this morning to hear the case of Moore & Preslau, applicants for a retail liquor license at the old Oyster Bay on the south side of Pennsylvania avenue between 12th and 13th streets. One of the neighbors appeared before the board and entered a protest. The board took the matter under consideration.

A Year's Marriage Licenses. In reporting in The Star vesterday the number of marriage licenses issued here during the years 1894 and 1895 the figures should have been 1894, 2,718, and 1895, SPEAK-EASY CASES.

Mile Limit Infractions Considered by the Police Court. This afternoon in the Police Court Prosecuting Attorney Pugh resumed the prosecu-tion of the 'spile-limit' alleged "speak-easy" cases, after having convicted two defend-ants Tuesday. In those cases Michael Burke and John O'Connell were defendants, and their cases are now pending on a mo-tion for a new trial. William Sollivan was

Lawyer Shillington defended him.

Frederick Wo Fernald, an inmate of the Soldiers' Home who is known to his comrades as "Dr." Fernald, was the first witness called. He testified that on the 14th of December he went to the defendant's house in Ruppliville and bought a pint of whisky from his (Sullivan's) wife. He said he first called at Mrs. Hoey's and asked for a drink, but she was out of liquor that day and he went to Sullivan's and paid 50 cents for the pint of liquor.

defendant in the first case called today, and

William Griffith was called and he said he ad never been in the defendant's place. "I've been in there three times," said Michael Denehay, another soldier. "The first time I went there and asked for beer he had none, and the second time he gave me a bottle he said he had for his own use. When I went in there the third time he told me be "Told you he had quit the business?" queried Mr. Pugh.
"No, sir," he answered, "he said he had

Daniel Kelly was the next witness, and he remembered having been in the place seven times. On each occasion, he said, he was there to get either beer or whisky and paid for what he got.
On cross-examination witness said that he was the driver of a beer wagon at the time mentioned and served beer to Sulli-van. Witness said that on one occasion he

drank in Sullivan's place with a man named Mahoney. Witness said he is only eighteen years old. Ann Quinn, an elderly woman, neighbor of the Sullivans, was put on the stand, and she told the court and july, very much against her will, that she had bought a half pint of whisky at Mr. Sullivan's place.

"From whom did you buy the whisky?"
Mr. Pugh asked.
"Mr. Sullivan," she replied.
"And did you pay him the money?"
"No, sir; I gave it to his wife."
Witness said that when the police came to her house she gave them what liquor

to her house she gave them what liquor she had left, and afterward Mrs. Sullivan returned her the money.

After recess the District examined several more witnesses and the defense was heard. The jury returned a verdict of guilty, and counsel gave notice of a motion for a new trial. tion for a new trial.

Michael Curtin's case was next called, and the witness Fernald gave evidence against him. He ran a bill at the defendant's place and paid him at the first of each month.
"What was your bill for November?"

Mr. Pugh asked.
"I don't remember."
"Do you remember about the December "That was \$5, and I still owe it. I've I'm going to settle up and quit."

Witness said he paid at the rate of two beers for 15 cents and 10 cents a drink

for whisky.

Philip Saxton testified that he drank beer in the defendant's place on one occasion. The preceding witness treated him. William Griffith, another old soldier, gave similar testimony. It was about a year ago that he was there, and he saw others there at that time. He did not see Mr. Fernald payment the beer. William Harrington testified that some ant's house and Mr. Manning treated him to some beer. "Mrs. Curtin waited on him,

as she did on another occasion, when he paid for the beer he got. The case was on trial when this report BEHIND THE BARS.

The Man Charged With Collecting for the Newsboys.

Harry McKnight, who was arrested yesterday by Detective Helan on a charge of false pretenses because he had been collecting money from merchants and others benefit of the Newsboys' and Children's Aid Society, as published in yesterday's Star, is still held behind the bars. Today the officer continued his investigation of the case, and learned where the prisoner had collected money. At most places where he called he asked for dollar contributions. and because of the small amount asked he had no trouble in making collections. Mrs. George W. Childs gave him \$5, while

among the other contributors were Saks & Co., Lansburgh Bros., Kahn's, the Bon Marche and others. Just how much Mc-Knight has collected the officer does not know, but he is certain that he and has been stopping at the Central Union Mission, so the police say. He admits that he collected the money, and says he intended to turn the money over to the society later on. When arrested he had \$18 on him. Tomorrow he will be taken into the Police Court and given a hearing.

Tomorrow's St. Asaph Entries.

First race, five furlongs, selling-Marksman, 108; Zamacraw, Westover, Clansman, Courtney, Tim Flynn, 105; Pink H., 103. Second race, seven furlongs, selling-Airplant, Geo. Dixon, Sir Tom, 107; Remorse, Capt. Jack, Reform, Primus, Brooklyn, 104; Elizabeth, Mattie Chun, 102; Valkyrie,

Third race, maiden three-year-olds, selling, half a mile-Yoeman, 115; Frank Davidson, 105; Nellie, Agnes, Silverhood. 103; March, Pocket Piece, 101; Arline, Beauzetta, Scandal, Wednesday, Fourth race, six and one-half furlongs, selling-Tommy Brophy, Venusburg, Blue Bird, Gaiety, Lumberman, Tribute, 107; Hallie Gay, 98; Saginaw, Dutch Lou, 97; Tancred, 94, Earn, 89. Fifth race, five furioncs, selling-Chillon, Hyaway, Ruction, 108; Leigh, Gorella, Cuckoo, Herndon, 105; Laprentis, 103.
Sixth race, mile, selling—Tartuffe, 108; Brogan, Gov. Fifer, Geo. Hakes, Van Dyke, Repetition, Flakewood, 105; Balmoral, Gold

Spec. 103. Senate Committee Clerks.

Under the reorganization of the Senate clerks to committees, so far as they have been appointed to date, are as follows: Printing, P. Pulsifer; finance, J. S. Morrill; commerce, W. Pulsifer; coast defenses, F. F. Hilder; judiciary, E. C. Goodwin; claims, T. F. Dawson; private land claims, C. H. Harris; post offices and post roads, J. C. Ball; District of Columbia, Charles Moore; library, Fred. Dennett; census, Clarence Johnson; naval affairs, C. W. Deknight; foreign relations, E. J. Babcock; public lands, A. T. Ryan; contingent expenses, Eugene Davis; public buildings and grounds, W. F. Wright; agriculture, B. Avery; education and labor, A. T. Smith; territories, E. S. Goodrich; interstate commerce, D. A. Ray; epidemic diseases, Coombs; patents, C. G. Phelps; privileges and elections, Jahn Irwin, jr.; conference, minority, F. M. Cox; enrolled bills, F. H. Sawyer; improvements of Mississippi river, Sawyer; improvements of Mississippi river, C. H. Hicks; manufactures, H. A. Vale; expenditures invexecutive departments, J. B. Hussey; railreads, B. M. Ausherman; revision of the laws, H. M. Rose; revolutionary claims, H. L. Pugh; relations with Canada, I. Hamberger; Indian depredations, A. P. Sawyer; Pacific, railroads, F. A. Pinney; woman's sufficient, J. E. Alexander; Nicaraguan canal, G. W. Morgan; Potomac river front, J. Z. George, jr.; Library of Congress, J. P., Voorhees; five civilized tribes, C. McPhee; transportation and sale of meat products, Joe Blackburn, jr.: sale of meat products, Joe Blackburn, jr.; to establish University of the United States, D. McFarlane; international expositions, E. C. Snyder; geological survey, Jno. T. Harris; national banks, Miles Taylor; forest reservations, Delbert J. Mott, and tre passers on Indian lands, B. B. Cushman.

Baron Von Stumm's Iningy.

Baron von Stumm of the German em bassy was thrown from his horse while following the hounds in the Chevy Chase hunt yesterday, and received painful injuries. His left arm was broken and one of his wrists badly sprained. A lady who had followed the hunt in her victoria picked him up and drove him back to town, where the broken arm was set and the wrist bandaged.

It was stated at the embassy this after-

noon that Baron von Stumm was resting easily and that no serious results of his accident were feared.

READY TO SELL OUT

The Report Concerning the Owners of the Senators.

NOT TO BE HAWKED ABOUT

Willing to Consider Offers in Good Faith.

A CONFERENCE HELD HERE

The local base ball world has been furnished with a subject for gossip in the report that the owners of the Washington Base Ball Club desire to dispose of the franchise of the club.

the conclusion that if a good proposition is made to him he will dispose of the franchise of the Washington club, and, in a Philadelphia paper today, he is quoted on the subject as follows: "I do not want it understood that this property is to be hawked about the coun-No matter what my marketable possessions may be, if somebody comes along with what I consider a good figure for them, it will not take long to close the bargain.

It is said that Mr. Wagner has come to

"In my opinion Washington supports a losing club better than any other city in this country, and if a team could hold the head of the second division or better there would be big money in the enterprise. Durirg the first two years we had the club we lost money, but 1894 and 1895 pulled us out of the hole and put us on Easy street again. My offer to dispose of the franchise of the Washington club does not apply only to next season, but any good fellow with a long purse who wants to make a bid for eason of 1896 will not find me averse

the season of loss will not had to doing business with him.

"Inasmuch as I have gone into theatrical ventures, I want to lessen my responsibilities, if possible, and this is one of the principal reasons why I want to get out of base ball as a business enterprise. With the exception of Joe Corbett, who has signed with Baltimore, all of last year's players are under contract with the Wash-ington club, and the purchaser of the franchise will have a guarantee that none of his men can be taken from him without his consent. But for this street extension scheme of the rulers of the District of Co-lumbia, I would have had a \$30,000 grand stand ready for the fans when the umpiricalled play for the first time in the new year, but my plans have all gone galley-west instead."

Manager Schmelz of the Washington

club, who is at present in the city, when asked by a Star reporter this afternoon if the Wagners intended to sell the franchise answered emphatically in the regative. Mr. Schmelz was then shown the above interview with Mr. Wagner, after which he

"I must admit that the interview appears to be bona fide, but it seems strange that nothing on the subject was said to me by Mr. Wagner, who was in the city Monday and Tuesday of this week. It seems only natural that he would have consulted with me on a subject of such an important nature. For that reason I did not hesitate Among those closely identified with professional base ball in this city considerable credence is given the report that the franchise is to be offered for sale.

A Star reporter with conversed today with several persons well informed on base ball matters, who are wintering in the city, learned that considerable talk has been indulged in for several days, and the consequence of only low seems to be that the

scensus of opinion seems to be that the Wagners are willing to depart. To Buy the Franchise.

Although the negotiations are being kent decidedly dark, it is a fact that certain wellknown men are arranging to buy the franchise, if the present owners will dispose of lecting money from merchants and others the same at a figure within reason. A con-by pretending it was to be used for the sultation was held this morning between of the National Base Ball Club, and Mr. John R. McLean. It is understood that the subject of the purchase of the franchise was talked over, but no definite conclusion One thing is certain, and that is f the Wagners will sell, purchasers are on

to buy.
"The world is as likely to come to an end today as the Messrs. Wagner are to sell the franchise of the Washington base ball club," was the way President N. E. Young of the National League answered the query of the reporter as to what he thought the prospects are for a sale.
"You know and I know and everybody in the country interested in base ball knows that the franchise of the Washing-

ton club is one of the most valuable in the circuit. Mr. Wagner is a business man, and although he has interested himself in a theatrical venture, base ball is his first love, and he is going to stick to it, especially when it is a paying to stick to it, especially when it is a paying investment. In his interview Mr. Wagner says: 'If somebody comes along with what I consider a good figure it will not take long to close the bargain.' Now what Mr. Wagner would consi ler a good figure in my opinion will be prodigious and out of the question when viewed from the standpoint of a possible

purchaser.
"So far as the proposed street extension is concerned, that is a dim possibility of the future. No street will be cut through National Park for years to come. So all in all, I think it very probable the base ball situation in Washington, so far as the owners of the club and the playing grounds are concerned, will not be altered in the near

future." Mr. Wagner Expected. Mr. J. Earl Wagner was expected to reach Washington this afternoon, but he had not arrived at a late hour. He has an engage ment at the park to consider some improve ments, but owing to the possibility of the grounds being cut up, it is thought that the proposed new grand stand will not be erected, even though the rumors of the sale the franchise be without foundation. The opening games of the coming base ball season here will be with Ted Sullivan's New Haven team of the new Atlantic Association, April 6 and 7. The New Haven contingent includes four Washington play-ers—Hodge, O'Hagan, Kelly and Keefe. The

first four days of April will be devoted to games between the old and the new players of the Washington club DISTRICT IN CONGRESS.

The Ford's Theater Disaster.

The headquarters of the commission or the Ford's Theater disaster will today be removed to the room of the Senate committee on private land claims, which room has been assigned to Serator Harris, late chairman of the Senate committee on the District of Columbia, Mr. Harris being of the committee on private land claims is located in the northeast corner of the Capitol on the gallery floor. To Pay Truck D's Force.

Mr. Babcock has introduced a joint reso lution to pay the force of Truck Company

D from January 1 to June 30, 1896, the same not being provided in the current appropriation bill. The appropriation will be for one foreman at the rate of \$1,000 per annum, one tillerman at the rate of 840 per annum, one hostler at the rate of \$840 per annum and rine privates at the rate of \$800 per annum each. The Proposed Belt Line Extension. Mr. George T. Dunlop, president of the

Capital Traction Company, visited the Capitol today. He was asked by a Star reporter whether the extensions asked for by the Belt Railway Company in its bill introduced in the Senate by Mr. McMillan on December 31 would conflict with any interest of his company. Mr. Dunlop re plied that he did not see that they did, with the exception, perhaps, of the extension which it is proposed in the bill to have run up 17th street north of V street to Park avenue. The Capitol Traction Company's line now runs up 18th street, and that interest might be conflicted with. He did not see, however, how the road could be continued up 17th street in view of the great amount of grading that would be rejured on account of the high bluff encoun-

Drill at Fort Myer Tomorrow. The first riding hall drill of the winter will be given at Fort Myer tomorrow af-ternoon at 2 o'clock by troop A.

JAMESON DEFEATED. Report of Heavy Fighting Before Johannesburg.

LONDON, January 2.- A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company this evening says that Dr. Jameson has been severely defeated by the Boers before Johannes burg, Transvaal. The same agency adds that the news is confirmed, and that the secretary of state for the colonies, Mr. Chamberlain, had been summoned to the

colonial office, where a conference will be

It is added that the defeat of Dr. Jame son is such as to compel him to retreat across the frontier.

THE SHERMAN STATUE.

Models Will Be on Exhibition for the Next Ten Days.

The time for the reception of designs for an equestrian statue of Gen. Sherman, to be erected in Washington, expired last night, and the models received will be on exhibition in the corridor of the top floor of the War Department for the next ten days, during which time they will be critically examined by a committee of artists and architects to select the most appropri-

ate.

This committee is composed of Saint-Gaudens and Olin Warner, the well-known artists, and Bruce Price and Charles Post, architects of established reputation. Great interest has been shown in this competiinterest has been shown in this competition, and designs have been received from many of the best sculptors in the United States, including Adrian Jones of New York, J. Massey Rhind of New York, Fernando Mirando of New York, L. Mullgarde of New York, Victor Olsa of New York, William O. Partridge of New York, Charles Niehouse of New York and the following well-known artists of this city: William Bruce Gray, Prof. Anaters and Dunbar Brothers.

Brothers.
Although no site for the statue has yet been selected, the probabilities are that it will ocupy a prominent place in Frank-lin Square. The board having general lin Square. The board having general charge of the erection of the statue is composed of Gen. G. M. Dodge of New York, president; Col. J. F. Howe of St. Louis, treasurer; Col. Cornelius Cadle of Cincinnati, secretary; Gen. J. W. Noble of St. Louis, Col. D. B. Henderson of Dubuque, and Col. Augustus Jacobson of Chicago.

There is a fund of \$56,000 available for the status and the Secretary of War is poor. statue, and the Secretary of War is in part responsible for its expenditure.

A GENERAL MOVING.

Changes Made in the Senate Com mittee Rooms Today.

The new year opened with a general moving at the Capitol. The reorganization of the committees of the Senate involved a moving in and out of the committee rooms. in accordance with the committee assignments. At the same time the Senators, each of whom has at least one private office room, began to look about for as fine quar-

There was a general rush for good rooms last week, and it looked at one time as if there would be a scramble. Everybody there would be a scramble. Everybody wanted as good as he could get, if not already satisfied with what he had, and often several wanted the same thing. A meeting of the committee on rules, in whose charge the assignment of rooms is, was held Tuesday, and after a general rule governing the matter was adopted, left it to the sergeantat-arms to make the assignments. These assignments made according to the general assignments, made according to the general rule, were completed yesterday, and the moving began today.

HIS NAME UNKNOWN.

The Body Identified as That of a Former Inmate of the Work House. An unknown man died at the Emergency Hospital last evening and now lies in the dead room, not having been fully identified up to 3 o'clock this afternoon. Policeman Walsh of the sixth precinct, about 7:39 o'clock last evening, found the man lying on the pavement at the corner of 2d and C streets northwest. He appeared to be in an advanced state of intoxication, and after attempting to bring him to his senses the policeman called the patrol wagon and the man was removed to the station.

There he gradually grew worse, and concluding that his condition was serious, the unknown was driven to the Emergency Hospital, where he died within twenty minutes after arrival. A search of the body disclosed nothing beyond several pieces of newspaper. There was no money, nor the slightest clue that might lead to identification.

The man is about twenty-five years old, of medium height and build, with a light mustache. His outer clothing consists of a dark gray coat, trousers with overalls, and a brown slouch hat. The hands and and a brown slouch hat. The hands and face were begrimed with railroad soot and the presence of grease on the clothes gave rise to the supposition that the man was either a railroad employe or had been riding for some time on a train. At 3 o'clock this afternoon a man named James Dugan, who stated that he was released from the workhouse two days ago, called at the hospital and identified the body as that of a man who was also in the

workhouse recently, but Dugan did not know his name. Dugan met the man vesterday on the street, talked with him and saw at a glance that he had been drinking heavily. An effort will be made to learn the name of the deceased from the records at the work-

An autopsy will be made this afternoon and the coroner will then determine whether or not an inquest is necessary.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES. Deficit for the First Half of the Fiscal

Year. The monthly comparative statement of the receipts and expenditures of the United States shows that during the month of December the receipts (cents omitted) aggregated \$26,288,937, as follows: Customs, \$12,169,172; internal revenue, \$12,750,771; miscellaneous, \$1,268,993.

The expenditures during the month amounted to \$25,814,317, leaving a surplus for the month of \$474,620. The figures for the first half of the present fiscal year ended December 31, however, show a deficit of \$15,394,707, as against a deficit of \$27,564,465 during the first half of last year.

SUGAR TRUST CASES.

Contumacious Witness Trials to Come Up Tomorrow.

District Attorney Birney stated to a Star reporter this afternoon that he would call up tomorrow morning as the first of the alleged contumacious sugar trust witness cases that of Broker Eiverton R. Chapman. The trial will take place before Judge Cole, in Criminal Court No. 1.

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Baltimore Markets.

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BALTIMORE, January 2.—Flour dull, unchanged—recelpts, 18,387 barrels; shipments, 33,396 barrels; sales, 150 barrels; shipments, 33,396 barrels; sales, 150 barrels. Wheat steady—spot and month, 66\(^1\)_406\(^3\)_406\(^3\)_4; steamer No. 2 red, 64a6\(^1\)_4, recelpts, 2,469 bushels; stock, 419,184 bushels; sales, 71,000 bushels—southern wheat by sample, 66a67; do. on grade, 63\(^4\)_406\(^3\)_406\(^3\)_406\(^3\)_4 (306\(^3\)_4), and (33\(^3\)_433\(^3\)_4, march, 33a33\(^3\)_4, may, 34\(^4\)_4 bid; steamer mixed, 31\(^3\)_433\(^3\)_4 recelpts, 195,878 bushels; shipments, 86,000 bushels—southern white corn, 32a33; do. yellow, 32a33. Oats stendy, good inquiry—No 2 white western, 21a24\(^4\)_2; No. 2 mixed do., 22\(^4\)_4 az recelpts, 4,419 bushels; stock, 182,373 bushels, Rye quiet and stendy—No. 2, 4243—recelpts, 616 bushels; stock, 111,713 bushels. Hay good inquiry for choice—choice timothy, \$15.50. Grain freights steady, unchanged. Bugar firm, unchanged. Butter steady, unchanged. Eggs firm, unchanged. Cheese stendy, unchanged.

FINANCE AND TRADE

South African Disturbances Affect Stock Values

ACUTE FINANCIAL TENSION ABROAL

Wall Street Relying Upon the Bond

GENERAL MARKET REPORTS

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star.

NEW YORK, January 2.—Prices for American railway shares in London were depressed from 1-2 to 1 1-2 per cent this morning, recent disturbances in the South African colonies having unsettled all foreign markets. The financial tension abroad has become so acute that the possibilities of further adverse developments are the subject of much uneasiness in banking and political circles. Consols fell off 9-16 during the early trading, rallied slightly under moderate support and yielded to renewed apprehension toward the close of the mar-

In sympathy with the course of the local trading, securities having an international market rallied sharply and closed around the best prices of the day.

London's lower prices, being unaccom panied by selling orders, were passed over unbeeded in this market, a steady opening being followed by substantial gains in all parts of the list. A strong speculative undertone, extreme duliness and a prepon derance of optimistic sentiment teruely de scribes the local situation. The bond issue is relied upon to dispose of the middle condition and to emphasize both extremes.

The demand for gold for bond purchases resulted in advancing the bids for that metal to 1 3-8 per cent, a premium sufficient to attract a considerable volume from Europe. It is expected that from two to five millions will be engaged for import within the next day or two.

The best information obtainable on the

day or two.

The best information obtainable on the subject would seem to justify the bond announcement within the next three or four days. The money already available is believed to be considerably in excess of the amount required to take up the issue.

Speculation is naturally held in check pending the official announcement of the government's decision, as the banks are not willing to increase loans while the withdrawals for the new bonds are indefinite in amount.

amount.

The Senate finance committee will in all probability take such action as will preclude the passage of the pending bond bill, and the administration will promptly declare its purposes in the emergency.

Lower rates for money should follow and well-managed properties become active up to, if not beyond, the recently destroyed level.

The varying fortunes of the revenue bill

will shortly come to the front as a speculative factor, and traders' movements based thereon will be frequent. Up to the present time, it is satisfactory to note, the believers in lower prices have not been favored by the prospects of this measure. The foreign exchange market is reported The foreign exchange market is reported as being firm at rates quoted earlier in the week. The demand is light and commercial bills in fair supply.

The trading of the last hour was dull at prices fractionally under the best. There was no interest manifested outside of the professional element, the waiting tendency becoming extremely pronounced in commission house circles.

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The several reports of earnings announced-during the day were satisfactory, but were not sufficient incentive to activity. Bear rumors, without satisfactory basis, were responsible for some weakness in Western Union, but, with this single exception, the result of the day's trading was mainly favorable to values.

favorable to values FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

The following are the opening, the highest and the lowest and the closing prices of the New York stock market today, as reported by Corson & Macartney, members New York stock exchange. Correspondents Messrs. Moore & Schley, No. 80 Broadway.

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Pacific Mail 26/
Patinan Pail Car Co. 154/
Southern Railway, Pfd. 27/
Pinna Praction 65/
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Washington Stock Exchange.

Sales—regular call—12 o'clock m.—Tradecs' National Bank, 10 at 100.

Government Bonds.—U. S. 4s. registered, 110½ bld, 111½ asked. U. S. 4s. coupon, 110½ bld, 111½ asked. U. S. 5s. 1904, 112½ bld, 114 asked.

District of Columbia Bonds.—20-year fund 5s, 104 bld. 30-year fund 6s, gold, 111 bld. Water stock 7s, 1901, currency, 115 bld. Water stock 7s, 1901, currency, 115 bld. Water stock 7s, 1901, currency, 116 bld. 3.65s, funding, currency, 116 bld. 3.65s, funding, currency, 116 bld. 3.65s, funding, currency, 116 bld. Mater stock 7s, 1901, currency, 117 bld. Water stock 7s, 1901, currency, 116 bld. Water stock 7s, 1901, currency, 116 bld. Sales, registered, 2-10s, 100 bld.

Miscelaneous Bonds.—Metropolitan Railroad conv. 6s, 113 bld, 117 asked. Metropolitan Railroad 6s, 126 bld. 161 asked. Columbia Railroad 6s, 126 bld. 161 asked. Columbia Railroad 6s, 126 bld. 171 asked. Washington Gas Company 6s, series A, 110 bld. Washington Gas Company 6s, series A, 110 bld. Washington Gas Company conv. 6s, 120 bld. 125 asked. American Security and Trust 5s, F. and A., 100 bld. American Security and Trust 5s, F. and A., 100 bld. American Security and Trust 5s, F. and A., 100 bld. American Security and Trust 5s, F. and A., 100 bld. American Security and Trust 5s, F. and A., 100 bld. American Security and Trust 5s, F. and A., 100 bld. American Security and Trust 5s, F. and A., 100 bld. American Security and Trust 5s, F. and A., 100 bld. American Security and Trust 5s, F. and A., 100 bld. American Security and Trust 5s, F. and A., 100 bld. American Security and Trust 5s, F. and A., 100 bld. American Security and Trust 5s, F. and A., 100 bld. American Security and Trust Company ext. 6s, 108 bld. Mashington Market Company ext. 6s, 108 bld. 106 bld. 100 asked. Traders', 102 asked. Lincoln, 55 bld. 99½ asked.

Sate Deposit and Trust Companies.—National Safe

110 asked. Traders', 102 asked. Lincoln, 95 bid, 199½ asked.

Sate Deposit and Trust Companies.—National Safe Deposit and Trust, 130 asked. Washington Loan and Trust, 117 bid, 122 asked. Washington Loan and Trust, 117 bid, 122 asked. American Security and Trust, 137 bid, 142 asked. Washington Safe Deposit, 50 bid, 70 asked.

Railroad Stocks.—Capatal Traction Company, 74 bid, 80 asked. Metropolitan, 92 bid, 98 asked. Columbia, 40 bid, Belt, 30 asked. Erkington, 30 saked. Georgetown and Tennallytown, 30 asked. Gas and Electric Light Stocks.—Washington Gas, 45½ bid, 47 asked. Georgetown Gas, 46½ aid, 55 asked. U. S. Electric Light, *119 bid, 125 asked. Insurance Stocks.—Firemen's, 34 bid, 40 asked. Franklin, 38 bid. Metropolitan, 68 bid. Corcovan, 50 bid. Potomac, 6, 6bid, 75 asked. Arlington, 138 bid. German-American, 160 bid. National Union, 10 bid, 13 asked. Columbia, 11 bid. Riggs, 7% bid. People's, 5% bid. Lincoln, 7% bid. Commercial, 4½ bid. Secked. Columbia, 11 bid. Riggs, 7% bid. People's, 5% bid. Lincoln, 7% bid. Commercial, 4½ bid. Secked. Columbia, 11 bid. Secked. Secked.—Real Estate Title, 106 bid. 118 asked. Columbia, 11 bid. Secked. Columbia, 11 bid. Secked. Secked.—Real Estate. Title, 106 bid. 118 asked. Columbia, 11 bid. Secked. Secked.

reial, 4½ bid.

Title Insurance Stocks.—Real Estate Title, 106 bid, 116 asked. Columbia Title, 6½ bid, 8 asked. Washington Title, 8 asked. District Title, 10 asked.

Telephone Stocks.—Pennsylvania, 85 bid, 50 asked. American Graphophone, 3½ bid, 4 asked. Pneumatic Gun Carriage, 25 bid, 39 asked. Pneumatic Gun Carriage, 25 bid, 39 asked. Miscellaneous Stocks.—Washington Market, 13½ bid. Great Falls Ice, 129 bid, 130 asked. Lincoln Hall, 70 bid, 90 asked. Mergenthaler Lincipe, 210 bid. Ianston Monotype, 5½ bid.

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